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1. [REDACTED] Together with Mr. Fabian Kwiatek, Assistant Legal Advisor for Claims, Department of State, met with Mr. Thad Murray, Executive Assistant to Senator William Spong, regarding a constituent inquiry about the claim of the Springwell Shipping Company Ltd., arising out of the sinking of the SS "Springfjord" in San Jose Harbor, Guatemala on June 1954. After discussion of the details of the episode, it was agreed that Mr. Murray will forward the correspondence he has in hand to the Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, Mr. Abshire, for written response to the Senator. The response will set forth generally the material contained in the Department's letter of 24 September 1969 to the Springwell Shipping Company together with answers to certain questions which will be outlined in Senator Spong's letter to Mr. Abshire. The Department will respond directly to Senator Spong and furnish a copy for our information. Mr. Houston, General Counsel, has been advised.

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2. [REDACTED] Dewitt White, Minority Counsel, House Internal Security Committee, called to ask whether Richard Fecteau could be available to appear before the Committee. I said this was quite premature at this time, and I had no idea as to when such an appearance would be possible. However, I said we would make a note of the request and be in touch with him as soon as we were able to give him an answer. I said so far as I was aware no other congressional committee had made such a request.

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3. [REDACTED] Made arrangements for Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, to visit the Agency next Wednesday afternoon, 22 December, at 2 p.m. for his background briefing on Japan.

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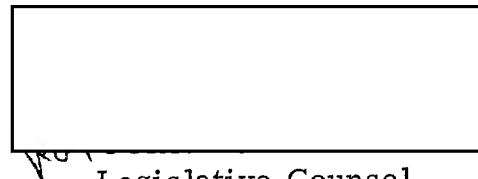
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